

## **Memories of Chester, Herman Rademacher Series, The Turkeys at Larison's Turkey Farm Video Transcript**

Herman Rademacher: This was a later picture of Larison's Farm restaurant when it was in the forties as you can tell by the automobiles. That's when they raised their own turkeys. Now I will throw in this story about turkeys. Turkeys are silly damn animals that if you make a noise, they'll make a noise back. Our entertainment used to be if we sat on the bank, on our side, where I grew up at the top of the hill, it was opposite the two or three turkey barns on the other side. 'Cause they raised hundreds ... originally raised all their own turkeys, and there were hundreds of 'em. If you went "Gobbledy gobble," they would "gobbledy gobble" back, and you'd have a hundred turkeys all gobbling at the same time. We used to think it was the silliest damn thing ever to see these turkeys answering us back but they did. That was part of our juvenile entertainment. We didn't have to have televisions sets and all that kind of stuff. We amused ourselves!

Deb Schiff, Chester Library, Local History Librarian: So were you younger than about 10 years old when you did that?

Herman Rademacher: Yeah, grade school, early grade school.